

SB2003



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/10/2011, by Sen. Linda Holmes

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/12-4.4a new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that every electronic benefits transfer ("LINK") card issued on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act by the Department of Human Services for the purpose of enabling the cardholder to obtain SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) benefits or cash must include on the card's face a photograph of the cardholder. Provides that within 6 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act, the Department shall replace every still-valid card issued before that date with a card that includes on its face a photograph of the cardholder.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 adding Section 12-4.4a as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.4a new)

7 Sec. 12-4.4a. SNAP benefits; electronic benefits transfer
8 card.

9 (a) In this Section:

10 "Cardholder" means the person to whom or for whose benefit
11 the Department issues an electronic benefits transfer card for
12 the purpose of obtaining SNAP benefits or cash.

13 "Caregiver identification card" means a caregiver photo
14 identification card issued by the Department of Human Services
15 for the purpose of enabling a holder of the card to use a LINK
16 card to obtain SNAP benefits or cash on behalf of a person
17 entitled to benefits funded under the federal SNAP program.

18 "Caregiver" has the same meaning ascribed to that term in
19 Section 12-21 of the Criminal Code of 1961.

20 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

21 "Facility provider" means an individual representing a
22 facility that provides residential services to persons who are
23 developmentally disabled.

1 "Guardian" has the same meaning ascribed to that term in
2 Section 10 of the Health Care Surrogate Act.

3 "LINK card" means an electronic benefits transfer card
4 issued by the Department for the purpose of enabling the
5 cardholder to obtain SNAP benefits or cash.

6 "SNAP" or "SNAP program" means the federal Supplemental
7 Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly the Food Stamp
8 Program).

9 (b) Every LINK card issued on or after the effective date
10 of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly must
11 include on the card's face a photograph of the cardholder.

12 (c) Within 6 months after the effective date of this
13 amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, the Department
14 shall replace every still-valid LINK card issued before that
15 date with a card that includes on its face a photograph of the
16 cardholder.

17 (d) Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act
18 of the 97th General Assembly, the Department of Human Services
19 shall issue a caregiver identification card to the facility
20 provider, guardian, or caregiver of a person entitled to
21 benefits funded under the federal SNAP program. Every caregiver
22 identification card must include on its face a current photo of
23 the facility provider, guardian, or caregiver of the person
24 entitled to benefits, the name of the person entitled to
25 benefits, and a statement that clearly identifies the card
26 holder as having the legal capacity to use the named person's

1 LINK card. Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory
2 Act of the 97th General Assembly, a facility provider,
3 guardian, or caregiver must present a valid caregiver
4 identification card when using a LINK card to obtain SNAP
5 benefits or cash on behalf of a person entitled to benefits
6 funded under the federal SNAP program.